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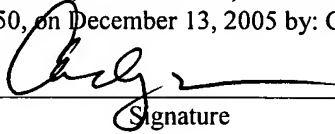
- 1) Japanese Patent No. 2688916 w/English translation
- 2) Japanese Publication No. 63-098889 w/English translation
- 3) Japanese Publication No. 63-166884  
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|  | 2   | 63-98889        | 1988.6.27  | Japan   |       |          | ✓           |    |
|  | 3   | 63-166884       | 1988.10.31 | Japan   |       |          |             | ✓  |
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